

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 145

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Linda J. Villar.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of Linda J. Villar upon her death during a terrorist rocket attack on an American forward operating base.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Villar was a native of Franklinton who loved her adopted hometown of New Orleans where she had moved with her mother and brother while still in high school; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Villar had sought to improve her education throughout her life, beginning as a clerk at the United States Customs Service while still in high school and later earning a bachelor's degree in business administration from Southern University and a master's degree in organization and business from Cambridge College; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Villar subsequently began working as a civilian employed by the United States Army, working her way up through the military hierarchy by traveling across the country and at times around the world, eventually earning the title of logistics assistance representative for the Army's Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command and being assigned to Fort Stewart, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Villar was subsequently assigned to Baghdad, Iraq, where she used her experience and expertise to insure that the men of her unit had the proper equipment and

1 training, as well as the day-to-day supplies they needed to accomplish their military mission
2 in addition to the personal comfort items that could make a soldier's lonely life more
3 bearable; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Villar accomplished her duties as a troubleshooter and provider
5 in an outstanding fashion, always concerned with and dedicated to getting her troops
6 everything available that they needed in the completion of their duties; and

7 WHEREAS, while Mrs. Villar sorely missed her husband, David, her 11-year-old
8 daughter, Tanesha, and her mother, Dorothy Magee, she was proud to be a part of her
9 country's war on terror and the liberation of the oppressed people of Iraq from the despotic
10 regime of Saddam Hussien; and

11 WHEREAS, on June 3, 2005, Mrs. Villar was stationed at Camp Liberty, a military
12 base on the northern edge of Baghdad, and was engaged in her daily physical workout just
13 prior to her work shift when the facility she was exercising in came under a rocket attack
14 from terrorist forces and she was mortally wounded; and

15 WHEREAS, while the loss of 41-year-old Mrs. Villar left the lives of her friends,
16 family, and troops she worked for in shattered disarray, they all knew that she would want
17 them to persevere, struggle through, and soldier on without her; and

18 WHEREAS, while all those who loved her will miss her dearly, they cannot dismiss
19 the pride they feel in having known such a wonderfully decent and deeply patriotic person
20 such as Mrs. Villar.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
22 does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heartfelt condolences from a
23 grateful state and nation to the family of Linda J. Villar for her brave and faithful service to
24 her country and the sacrifice she made in the name of freedom.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
26 family of Linda J. Villar.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Expresses condolences upon the death in Operation Iraqi Freedom of Linda J. Villar.